GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BATHINDA OIL REFINERY
BHAN SINGH BHAURA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the present progress of Bathinda Oil Refinery project along with the expected time for its completion;

(b) the date on which the land was acquired by the Union Government for the refinery;

(c) the time by which the compensation was paid to landholders;

(d) whether the necessary permissions from all the quarters has been obtained in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) A subsidiary company of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has been formed and registered as Guru Gobind Singh Refineries Limited (GGSRL) on December 13, 2000 to execute the Refinery Project along with associated facilities at Bhatinda in Punjab. Land for the Refinery site has been acquired and boundary wall constructed. Site Grading and road works within the Refinery site has commenced. Engineering and tender work for major infrastructure facilities has commenced. Construction work for approach road and raw water canal is in progress. Engineering activities for Crude Oil Pipeline and associated facilities has commenced. The project is expected to be completed by the year 2005.

(b) Land for the Refinery was acquired by the Government of Punjab on behalf of HPCL. HPCL has subsequently taken possession of the land from the State Government during the period December, 1997 to August, 1998.

(c) Compensation towards land has been paid by HPCL to the Land Acquisition Collector, Government of Punjab during the period November, 1997 to August, 1999 for further distribution to land owners.

(d) All necessary clearances for commencement of work on the project have been obtained.

(e) Does not arise.